

**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD INCLUDING DISPENSED VOLUME SENSING AND CONTROL**

the specification of which (check one below):

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☒ was filed on March 8, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/520,827 or Express Mail No.     , and was amended on      (if applicable).
- ☐ was filed on      as PCT International Application No.     , and as amended under PCT Article 19 on      (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed?

_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ Day/Month/Year Filed	( ) Yes ( ) No
_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ Day/Month/Year Filed	( ) Yes ( ) No
_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ Day/Month/Year Filed	( ) Yes ( ) No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 and/or §119(e) of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

_____ (Serial No.)	_____ (Filing Date)	_____ (Status: Patented, Pending, or Abandoned)
_____ (Serial No.)	_____ (Filing Date)	_____ (Status: Patented, Pending, or Abandoned)
_____ (Serial No.)	_____ (Filing Date)	_____ (Status: Patented, Pending, or Abandoned)

I hereby appoint John D. Poffenberger (R. No. 20,245), Bruce Tittel (R. No. 22,324), Donald F. Frei (R. No. 21,190), David J. Josephic (R. No. 22,849), A. Ralph Navaro, Jr. (R. No. 23,050), David S. Stallard (R. No. 25,930), J. Robert Chambers (R. No. 25,448), Gregory J. Lunn (R. No. 29,945), Kurt L. Grossman (R. No. 29,799), Clement H. Luken, Jr. (R. No. 32,742), Thomas J. Burger (R. No. 32,662), Gregory F. Ahrens (R. No. 32,957), Wayne L. Jacobs (R. No. 35,553), Kurt A. Summe (R. No. 36,023), Kevin G. Rooney (R. No. 36,330), Keith R. Haupt (R. No. 37,638), Theodore R. Remaklus (R. No. 38,754), Thomas W. Humphrey (R. No. 34,353), Joseph R. Jordan (R. No. 25,686), C. Richard Eby (R. No. 25,854), David E. Pritchard (R. No. 38,273), David H. Brinkman (R. No. 40,532), J. Dwight Poffenberger, Jr. (R. No. 35,324), Beverly A. Lyman (R. No. 41,961), A. Ralph Navaro III (R. No. 46,207), Scott A. Stinebruner (R. No. 38,323), Kristi L. Davidson (R. No. 44,643), P. Andrew Blatt (R. No. 44,540), David E. Franklin (R. No. 39,194), Herbert C. Brinkman (R. No. 16,955), all of Wood, Herron & Evans, L.L.P., 2700

Carew Tower, 441 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202-2917, telephone no. (513) 241-2324, my attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all correspondence and telephone calls to

David H. Brinkman  
Wood, Herron & Evans, L.L.P.  
2700 Carew Tower  
441 Vine Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202-2917  
Telephone (513) 241-2324

Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of Inventor Thomas J. Larkner  
Inventor's Signature Thomas J. Larkner Date 5-24-00  
Residence City/State Dubuque, Iowa Citizenship USA

Post Office Address 2143 Hummingbird Dr. #2, Dubuque, Iowa 52002

Full name of Inventor Steven C. Peake  
Inventor's Signature Steve C. Peake Date 5-24-00  
Residence City/State Dubuque, Iowa Citizenship USA

Post Office Address 7996 Hidden Valley Road, Dubuque, Iowa 52003

Full name of Inventor Chester E. Chomka

Inventor's Signature Chester E. Chomka Date 24 MAY 00

Residence City/State Bellevue, Iowa Citizenship USA

Post Office Address 3767 St. Catherine Road, Bellevue, Iowa 52031

Full name of Inventor Joseph F. Tilp

Inventor's Signature Joseph F. Tilp Date 5-24-00

Residence City/State Dubuque, Iowa Citizenship USA

Post Office Address 2080 Pasadena Dr. Apt. #1, Dubuque, Iowa 52001

Full name of Inventor Eric J. Willman

Inventor's Signature Eric J. Willman Date 5/24/00

Residence City/State Dubuque, Iowa Citizenship USA

Post Office Address 4860 Ambassador Ct., Dubuque, Iowa 52002

Full name of Inventor Kerry W. Leppert

Inventor's Signature Kerry W. Leppert Date 5-24-00

Residence City/State Dubuque, Iowa Citizenship USA

Post Office Address 3015 Shiras Ave. Dubuque, Iowa 52001

Full name of Inventor Tina M. Timmerman

Inventor's Signature Tina M. Timmerman Date 5-25-00

Residence City/State Dubuque, Iowa Citizenship USA

Post Office Address 2156 Concord Ct., Dubuque, Iowa 52003